



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending May 22, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 22, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 16 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 15 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 70.5 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 73.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 83.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. A mix of dry and wet conditions throughout most of the state with the highest rain concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 3.16 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 22, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silking	4	NA	3	14
Cotton, planted	79	54	87	88
Cotton, emerged	59	36	57	67
Hay, harvested	53	32	42	57
Rice, planted	97	95	99	98
Rice, emerged	95	90	95	95
Sorghum, planted	96	91	98	98
Sorghum, emerged	92	88	91	91
Soybeans, planted	82	72	82	82
Soybeans, emerged	73	48	71	69
Sweet Potatoes, planted	16	7	14	17
Winter Wheat, headed	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat, coloring	85	60	91	91
Winter Wheat, harvested	8	NA	20	37

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 22, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	14	43	42	1
Livestock	1	3	24	64	8
Pasture	0	7	29	57	7
Rice	1	5	33	56	5
Sorghum	0	5	29	56	10
Soybeans	0	3	18	76	3
Sugarcane	1	2	26	53	18
Vegetables	1	6	23	64	6
Winter Wheat	0	14	43	43	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“We have gone from wet to dry. Most need a rain. Planting for the most part is complete. Hay cutting is continuing. Corn is tasseling.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Rains last week slowed fieldwork and wheat harvest and delayed hay harvest. Much of the rice crop is past green ring and some nearing booting. Rice farmers continue to top dress and cane farmers continue to layby where possible. Spring calving is near complete and ranchers continue work cows and calves.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“More rains fell this week “2-3” across parish. Soybean planting had begun finally but slowed again with the rains. Rice crop is scattered across parish from some having to replant to others at green ring. Hay pastures waiting to be cut for 1st time.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Heavy rains dampened halted field progress. Soybeans growers are waiting for drier conditions to resume planting. Sugarcane continues to make good growth as most growers have wrapped up fertilizing and layby preparations. Hay growers need dry conditions to make an overdue cutting. Peaches, blackberries and blueberries are being harvested. Spring tomatoes and cucumbers are starting to ripen.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rains during week stopped all fieldwork. Severe weather at end of week brought over 5 inches in some areas, but wind damage was minimal to crops. Rust still concern in sugarcane and some fields were sprayed early in week; weather conditions should help as we move into summer.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Damaging storm came through last night. High winds and a lot of rain. May have damaged some crops.”

– Sarah Everhart, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 22, 2016

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	76.3	60.4	68.4	72.7	-4.3	0.06	1	-0.91	4.36	-0.06
Mooringsport	73.1	60.0	66.6	73.3	-6.7	0.44	4	-0.41	8.82	5.29
Red River	74.6	61.4	68.0	74.4	-6.1	0.17	3	-0.56	4.39	0.53
Shreveport	75.7	59.7	67.7	73.3	-5.6	0.29	3	-0.73	5.22	0.49
Extreme/Average	74.9	60.4	67.7	73.4	-5.7	0.24	4	-0.65	5.70	1.56
North Central										
Calhoun	77.8	56.3	67.1	71.9	-4.9	0.08	3	-0.90	2.50	-1.81
Farmerville	75.7	59.3	67.5	72.8	-5.3	0.25	2	-1.14	1.54	-3.60
Homer	74.3	57.6	65.9	71.0	-5.1	0.12	3	-0.88	3.83	-0.36
Extreme/Average	75.9	57.7	66.8	71.9	-5.1	0.15	3	-0.97	2.62	-1.92
Northeast										
Lake Providence	76.6	60.7	68.6	73.7	-5.0	0.16	2	-1.02	1.14	-2.71
St Joseph	82.1	62.6	72.4	75.2	-2.8	0.47	2	-0.60	1.47	-2.54
Tallulah	81.1	63.1	72.1	73.9	-1.7	0.17	2	-1.04	1.57	-2.55
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	74.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.62	0.48
Extreme/Average	79.9	62.1	71.0	74.3	-3.2	0.27	2	-0.89	1.45	-1.83
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	72.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	77.3	61.2	69.3	74.6	-5.2	0.32	4	-0.53	3.12	-0.90
Leesville	80.9	62.9	71.9	73.9	-2.0	0.34	3	-0.76	3.11	-0.95
Natchitoches	77.4	62.9	70.1	75.3	-5.2	0.19	2	-0.72	3.07	-0.99
Extreme/Average	78.5	62.3	70.4	74.1	-4.1	0.28	4	-0.67	3.10	-0.95
Central										
Alexandria	80.9	62.4	71.6	75.4	-3.8	0.84	2	-0.23	3.99	-0.12
Bunkie	81.9	63.7	72.8	75.5	-2.7	1.05	2	-0.14	2.75	-2.00
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	77.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	78.5	62.2	70.3	75.0	-4.6	1.67	3	0.81	3.81	0.09
New Roads	79.2	64.8	72.0	75.7	-3.4	NA	NA	NA	3.40	-0.09
Extreme/Average	80.1	63.3	71.7	75.8	-3.6	1.19	3	0.15	3.49	-0.53
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.15	3	4.08	11.59	7.29
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	74.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.55	4	NA	4.43	NA
Slidell	82.1	67.9	75.0	NA	NA	1.72	3	NA	5.62	NA
Extreme/Average	82.1	67.9	75.0	74.8	NA	2.81	4	4.08	7.21	7.29
Southwest										
Crowley	79.3	67.3	73.3	76.4	-2.6	NA	NA	NA	13.03	9.06
DeRidder	76.4	62.7	69.6	75.2	-5.6	0.83	4	-0.27	5.53	1.61
Jennings	81.3	65.4	73.4	76.1	-2.7	2.40	3	1.33	12.37	8.36
Oberlin Fire	78.1	63.6	70.9	75.2	-4.3	1.33	2	0.14	10.32	5.71
Extreme/Average	78.8	64.8	71.8	75.7	-3.8	1.52	4	0.40	10.31	6.19
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.3	67.1	75.2	75.7	-0.5	4.02	3	3.05	8.26	4.46
Jeanerette	83.3	66.6	74.9	76.3	-1.3	3.51	5	2.57	10.82	7.09
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	75.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	83.6	70.4	77.0	76.1	0.9	1.94	4	1.05	7.69	4.18
Extreme/Average	83.4	68.0	75.7	75.9	-0.3	3.16	5	2.22	8.92	5.24
Southeast										
Galliano	80.8	68.8	74.8	76.4	-1.3	2.83	5	1.81	12.48	8.97
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.35	3	2.43	7.66	3.90
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	83.0	70.5	76.8	NA	NA	2.40	4	NA	8.03	NA
Extreme/Average	81.9	69.7	75.8	76.4	-1.3	2.86	5	2.12	9.39	6.44
State	79.5	64.0	71.8	74.8	-3.1	1.40	3	0.63	5.94	2.48

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.